

Nebraska, the attorneys, prosecuting attorneys, defense attorneys and many Senators in the years it was discussed. It has drawn recently criticism from certain people through the news media that definitely do not understand the code or have not read it. It has drawn criticism from people that have said it is too big a change. I want to point out one or two things, if I might, that I think are so important to this piece of legislation and to the override. This bill does not go into effect until July of 1978. It has another session with which each and every one of you or any judge or any city councilman from any city in the State of Nebraska or any newspaper editor or anybody that has an interest in our criminal code could bring the correction in and bring it before the Judiciary Committee. I know that the labor statutes as far as the picketing issue is going to be discussed if the override is successful. I also know that Legislative Resolution 80 covers the sexual assault laws and the gambling statutes which have to be rewritten, not through any effort that was unsuccessful in the criminal code debate but through the efforts of the Supreme Court decisions and recent court decisions that require us, as a legislative body, to change from time to time. I think that this body has the responsibility after asking for a revision in 1969, after the Supreme Court Judge, Hale McCown, says to rewrite the archaic language in our criminal statutes, I think this body has the responsibility to override the veto of the Governor's office. His argument on paper was to delay it and have a committee review it. Those two things are in LB 38. I think you will remember when we started this debate, the beginning of the session, I told you it would not be easy. It was not easy. It was hard. I don't think anybody in this body would like to sit through another session of an hour every day to rewrite the criminal code. You have come so far, so far that it would be a shame, a disgrace, not to override the veto. You have finally brought the statutes up to compliance with Supreme Court decisions, with recent court decisions, with legislative revisions. You finally have a good penalty section, one that a judge told me last Thursday night you could understand. I think these things will be brought out in other people talking about the bill on the floor. I would ask that this body now complete its work with the overrides of the criminal code of the Governor's veto on 38 and the accompanying pieces of legislation. Therefore, I would ask that you wholeheartedly gain confidence in what you have done and override the Governor's veto.

PRESIDENT: Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President, colleagues, I don't rise too frequently to ask for an override of a veto but this morning I do rise and urge this body to override the veto on LB 38. This is not haphazard legislation. This is well thought out legislation. Six or seven years of hard work by our own Judiciary Committee, by members of the Judiciary, by members of the bar, by members of the public were put in to recodify, to rearrange the criminal law. We haven't rewritten large bulks of the criminal law. We have merely rearranged them and standardized the penalties. Some sections have been changed. Unfortunately, too much concentration by some people has been magnified on